METHOD FOR VERIFYING GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF WIDE AREA NETWORK USERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for verifying a purported location of a wide area network user is

5   disclosed. The method comprises the steps of receiving information from a user via a wide area network, including a purported geographical location of the network user. A first network address from which the information is received is recorded, and an access code is generated and recorded. The access code is broadcast in a defined region that includes the purported geographical location of the user. A user access code is then

10   received via the wide area network from the user. The user access code is compared with the access code broadcast in a defined region, and the first network address is compared to a second network address from which the user access code is received. If the codes and addresses match, the geographical location of the user is considered verified and the user may be validated. Various methods for broadcasting the access

15   code and various systems for implementing the method are disclosed.